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1. The Chinese Communist forces are attempting to complete the isolation of the Shanghai area, but it will be a month and a half before there is local fighting.
2. Nationalist troops continue to arrive in Shanghai from Taiwan. Generalissimo CHIANG Kai-shek is planning to move to Amoy\*.
3. In the advance on Shanghai, the Communists will start by attacking Sungming Island, then will concentrate on Paoshan and the Pootung side of the river. This will allow them to control the Woosung River. The Communist attack from the west will be along the rail line.
4. The present Shanghai rice stocks will last until the end of May, when there will be a crisis because there is no incoming rice supply except from the Pootung area. All other supply routes for large stocks of rice are now cut off from Pootung, and it is unable to supply the needs of the city.

[REDACTED] Comment. Morale in Shanghai is good, with little display of public concern.

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